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To Friends going to Italy

Churches

You are cordially invited to see for yourself the work we are doing in Italy. We beg to call your attention to the following list of Waldensian Churches whose pastors extend a cordial welcome to American friends, and, also, to the list of institutions under the care of the Waldensian Church in Italy.

Rome		Rev. Arturo Muston, 107 Via Nazionale
"		In his absence apply to the Secretary: Rev. Antonio Rostan, 107 Via Nazionale
"		Pastor Ernesto Comba, 6 Via del Caravita
Forano	"	L. Angelini
Naples	"	G. D. Buffa, 25 Piazzetta Tagliavia
Florence	"	Prof. Rostagno, Prof. G. Luzzi, D. D., 51 Via dei Serragli
Leghorn	"	Dr. G. Grilli, Via Giuseppe Verdi, 3
Siena	"	G. Petrai, 5 Viale Curtatone
Lucca	"	G. Quattrini, 18 Via Galli Tassi
Rio Marina	"	G. Rochat (Isle of Elba)
Lugano	"	Paolo Calvino, Paradiso, Lugano, Switzerland
Milan	"	A. Costabel, 7 Via Fatebene Fratelli
"	"	D. Revel, Via Petrarca, 16
Como	"	B. Revel, Via Rusconi, 9
Verona	"	G. Silva, 5 Via Liceo
Venice	"	A. Balmas, Palazzo Cavagnis
Brescia	"	A. Simeoni, 23 Via Giordano Bruno
Mantova	"	S. Revel, 2 Via Dottrina Cristiana
Torre Pellice (Waldensian Valleys) Rev. Comm., C. A. Tron, D. D.		
Turin		Pastor Ernesto Giampiccoli, 15 Via Pio Quinto
Genoa	"	Francesco Rostan, 21 Via Cesare Cabella
Bordighera	"	A. Billour
S. Remo	"	Ugo Janni, Casa Valdese, Via Roma

Nice	Pastor	P. Longo, 50 Rue Gioffredo
Bari	"	V. Garretto, 334 Via Principe Amedeo
Messina	"	E. Corsani, Via Maddalena
Palermo	"	D. Bosio, 36 Via Maqueda
Catania	"	G. Fasulo, 22 Via Naumachia
Syracuse	"	G. Maugeri, 75 Via Maniace
Caltanissetta	"	E. Pascal, 15 Via Maida
Girgenti	"	E. Corsani, Grotte

Institutions

The largest centres of education outside of the Waldensian valleys are in Florence, Leghorn, and Palermo. Other institutions are:

The Gould Memorial Home for Boys, Rome
Istituto Comandi for Boys, Florence, Bordighera
Boyce Memorial Home for Boys and Girls
Lace-making School for Girls, Forano-Sabina
Hospitals in Torre Pellice, Pomaretto, Torino
Refuge for Aged and Infirm, San Germano
" " " " " Luserna S. Giovanni
Orphanage for Girls, Torre Pellice, and many others

There are in addition many medical dispensaries and soup kitchens.

Italian-Protestant Immigrant and Emigrant Bureau

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213 West 76th Street, New York City

Colporteurs:
- Naples: F. Aceto, 25 Piazzetta, Tagliavia
- Palermo: L. Leonardi, 36 Via Macqueda
- Genoa: A. Goglio, 2 Via Curtatone

The object of the Bureau is to distribute religious literature and information about America among immigrants **before** they leave the Italian ports and follow Italian protestants who come over or return.

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Work Among The Soldiers In Italy

THE Waldensian Church has fully realized the new opportunities for Christian work, due to the fact that no less than three million soldiers, the pick and the flower of the country, are massed in a comparatively small territory, in the proper mood to receive and assimilate the message of the Gospel. Steps were accordingly taken to reach as many as possible and sow broadcast the Word of God.

I.—The Italian Government has nominated the Waldensian pastors as chaplains to their co-religionists in the army, with the same rank-that of captain-salary, privileges and duties as the chaplains of the Roman Church. They hold regular services in the trenches whenever possible, visit the wounded in the infirmaries and hospitals, comfort the dying, and so forth. No other denomination has had this privilege. The Chaplains are located as follows:

Pastor H. Pascal, 3rd Regiment Alpine Troops,
Pastor H. Bertalot, Fourth Army at Udine,
Pastor D. Bosio, Second Army at Belluno.

II.—A Committee of Assistance and Relief for Italian Evangelical soldiers (Comitato di Assistenza Pro Militari Evangelici) has been organized in Turin, 15 Via Pio

Rev. E. Bertolot
Waldensian Chaplain of the Second Army

Quinto, with the object of keeping in touch with all the Protestant soldiers—over 5,000 now—and all those who want our ministrations. Every soldier is supplied with a New Testament, a comfort kit and possibly woolen clothing, and so forth. Relief is also given to families of reservists.

Miss Margaret Turin is the Secretary of this good work, whose President is Reverend Ernesto Giampiccoli, Head of the Waldensian Church.

Waldensian Church, Piazza Cavour, Rome
(Cornelius Baker Memorial)

III.—Reading rooms and rest rooms for soldiers have been opened by the Waldenses in Rome, Turin, Milan, Brescia, Verona, Venezia and Bari under the direct supervision of the local Waldensian pastors. In some of those places, notices of the opening of the rooms have been posted in the barracks, by permission of the military authorities.

IV.—The weekly religious paper, "La Luce," is sent free to all Protestant soldiers and all who ask for it. One full page is devoted always entirely to news from the soldiers. Professor Giovanni Rostagno of the Waldensian Semminary has published a beautiful tract in the form of a letter to the "Soldier of Italy." Nearly one hundred thousand copies have already been distributed.

Waldensian Church, Brescia

V.—The colporteurs of the Immigration Bureau of our Society meet the Italian reservists who have been pouring into Genoa and Naples from North America, and in fact from all parts of the world, selling and distributing copies of the Gospel among them. More than 28,000 have been sold or distributed by these two men in less than a year.

VI.—All the Waldensian Churches throughout Italy and Sicily co-operate in this work, by trying to reach the soldiers in the local barracks and by sending relief from their scanty means to the Committee in Turin.

The motto of our Church this year is: "A Gospel to every soldier."

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AMERICAN WALDENSIAN AID SOCIETY.

Field News

November, 1913.

The supreme authority in the Waldensian Church, the Synod, was held, as usual, in Torre Pellice (Torino) the first Monday in September, and lasted till the following Monday, ending with a retreat for pastors, which was attended by 63 ministers. This was an innovation, and was most successful. The Synod

* * *The President of the Synod was Paolo Calvino, pastor at Lugano, for nearly forty years Representative of the Waldensian Church in Germany, the friend of Dr. Dryander, Court preacher at Berlin.

* * *There were many representatives from sister Churches, who were heard at a special session on Thursday afternoon, September 4th. Among them the Rev. Herbert Booth Smith, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tenn., representing officially the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. A cordial message was read from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

* * *At one of the evening services, Prof. Favero, a modernist leader, was heard with much favor, telling about the

movement in Italy and bringing the salutations of many to the Old Church of the Valleys.

Normal School

The opening of a Normal School for teachers, in Torre Pellice, which will meet all the Government requirements, was approved by the Synod. This school is recognized by the Italian Government, and its graduates are entitled to teach in the public schools. The aim is to raise an army of teachers of both sexes to educate the children in the Valleys and all over Italy, a mighty army, co-operating with the Church in the great mission of regenerating Italy.

The Rev. Dr. Muston's term of office having expired, the Rev. Ernesto Giampiccoli, first pastor of the Waldensian Church in Turin, was elected in his place. His address is 107 Via Nazionale, Rome. Dr. Muston, after seven years of very hard and faithful work, has a six months leave of absence.

The Rev. Giovanni Bertinat, formerly at Chieti, has been transferred to Rome, to the Church in the Via Nazionale, the Rev. Banchetti, from Corato, to Chieti, and the Rev. Enrico Tron from Riesi (Sicily) to Corato.

News From The Churches.

Milan

The first Waldensian Church in Milan, Rev. V. A. Costabel, pastor, has a membership of 333, with an addition of 28 at the last communion. As the members are widely scattered, Rutgers Presbyterian Church of New York City sends $600.00 a year to provide an assistant for Dr. Costabel.

Brescia

Very soon Brescia, that patriotic city, the birthplace of Arnaldo, the Waldensian leader of the Middle Ages, is to have a fine Church built in a very central location. Members of the Church have subscribed already $141.00 for the building.

Leghorn

The Rev. Dr. Grilli of Leghorn was told by one of the leading men in the Italian Government that "the work of religious education and moral uplift accomplished by Waldenses is appreciated and followed with much sympathy."

Temperance

The Rev. Giovanni Rochat of Rio Marina (Elba) has been a pioneer in temperance work and for many years has published the only temperance paper in Italy, "Bene Sociale." His work was acknowledged at the last national Congress in Florence with the award of a gold medal. His son, Dr.

Luigi Rochat, a physician, an elder in one of Churches in Florence, is one of the leading temperance men in Italy.

Sardinia

Evangelical work has been started in the Island of Sardinia, at Terranova and Tempio Pausania. It is a very difficult field and we ask prayers in its behalf.

Rome

One of the members of the Waldensian Church of the Via Nazionale in Rome is the Hon. Enrico Soulier, member of Parliament, the only Protestant and Waldensian in the House. The Italian Government, in recognition of his services, has recently elected him a member of the Senate.

Pescolanciano

Pescolanciano is a town with some 2,500 people in the province of Campobasso. Last November, P. A. Caldararo, a member of the Italian United Presbyterian Mission in Columbus, Ohio, went back to his native town. He has such a strong missionary spirit that he has created a movement in the town and has asked the help of the Waldensain Church. A steady work has been done. 130 people have professed the Evangelical faith. A lady in New York is ready to put up a Chapel in Pescolanciano, in memory of her mother, if the Waldensian Aid Society can procure the funds necessary to pur-

chase the site. From Pescolanciano, as a center, a great work could be done in neighbouring towns and villages where there are many returned emigrants from America. It is estimated that $2,000.00 would suffice to purchase the land. Pescolanciano was visited by Mrs. Gilbert Colgate of New York and her party last summer.

Messina

Little by little the Waldensian Church at Messina is recuperating from the effects of the earthquake. The present membership is 79, the contributions, 1,970 francs this year. The chapel is also used by members of the Church of England for their services. We need the money to provide a school house.

* * *All the Churches in Sicily lose every year many of their members on account of the emigration to America. On the other hand, Italian Protestant Churches in the United States are strengthened by these additions. Tne Church of Grotte has been the means of starting no less than six Italian Protestant Churches in the United States.

* * *A medical ophthalmic Dispensary for the children of the sulphur miners was started in Grotte, last year, in connection with schools, with good results. Last year 2,250 cases were treated. This

Dispensary is supported by three ladies of the Waldensian Aid Society of Germantown, Pa.

Waldensian Foreign Missions.

Malta

Two priests have left the Roman Church at Malta. One of them is already at work in one of our Churches in Sicily and the other is at the Theological Seminary in Florence.

Very soon a permanent work is to be located at Tripoli to look after the Protestant soldiers and do missionary work.

North Africa

Mr. Alessandro Tron and his wife, two Waldensian school teachers, have left for Asmara, Abyssinia, where a Waldensian worker in connection with the Swedish mission, has been at work for many years, among the Italian and native troops.

South Africa

In connection with the Societe des Missions de Paris, a number of Waldensian missionaries and their wives are working along in Basutoland. They are doing pioneer work, following immediately in the steps of that great missionary, Dr. Coillard. Their names are: Louis Jalla, Adolphe Jalla, Albert Lageard, Auguste Coisson, George Volla and B. Pascal. Another Waldensian

missionary, Peyrot, is at work on the Island of Madagascar. A student, Mr. Pons, is preparing himself in Paris for the foreign field.

The Waldenses in South America.

Ever since 1857, a stream of Waldensian emigrants has gone to South America: Argentina and Uruguay.

There are now nine regularly organized colonies and Churches which form the seventh district of the Waldensian Church. The Church members number a total of 2,103, with 23 Sunday Schools and 904 children, 204 cathecumens.

Their College at Colonia Valdense, Uruguay, is a center of education and many Roman Catholics send their children there to be educated. All the Churches are self-supporting and help the mother Church in Italy. Services are held in Spanish and in French. All the pastors are from the Waldensian Valleys.

A monthly religious magazine, "La Union Valdense," links together the Churches and the colonists.

The time will come in the Providence of God when these Waldenses of South Amer-

New York

ica will be the leaven for the moral and spiritual regeneration of those Republics.

The Waldenses in North America.

Agricultural Colonies

There are between five and six hundred Waldenses in Greater New York. They are organized in a Waldensian Union and have regular services every Sunday at three P. M. in the Parish House of the Church of the Holy Communion, 6th Ave. and 20th St. Their pastor is the Rev. P. Griglio.

There are three regularly organized agricultural settlements of Waldenses in the United States. Wolfridge, Texas, near Gainesville, ten families, with their own Church services in English; Monett, Mo., 25 families, Church services in English; Valdese, N. C., 46 families, Church services in French with a pastor from the Valleys.

A fourth settlement is in the process of organization at Mandeville, near Texarcana, Ark. Through the efforts of the Immigration Bureau of the American Waldensian Aid Society, a number of families have decided to come over next fall to join those already settled there. Smaller groups of Waldenses are to be found in San Francisco, San Jose, Oakley, Santa Ana, Cal., Ogden and

Provo City, Utah; Hawthorne, Ont., Canada, and Vancouver, B. C.

American Waldensian Aid Society

The American Waldensian Aid Society incorporated in 1906, with the aim of helping the Waldensian Church in her missionary work in Italy can point to many Italian Protestant Churches in the United States and Canada, 100 in number, which have been started and are ministered to by people formerly reached by the Waldensian Church through her schools and Churches in Southern Italy and Sicily. It is, therefore, after all a home missionary work from the American point of view.

Immigration Bureau

The Bureau of Immigration has the practical object of following up all Italian Protestant immigrants in the various cities where they settle, and putting them into touch with the local Churches; or, starting new Churches where there are none; or persuading them to locate in the agricultural districts. Moreover, through its colporteurs in the ports of Genoa, Naples and Palmero, it supplies the emigrants to America with New Testaments, portions of Scripture and a Guide to America. This last is a practical hand-book with an Italian-English vocabulary, and information in

plain language about the U. S., its government, history, resources, institutions, laws of citizenship, etc. The American edition of this "Guida" of 8,000 copies, published in May, is nearly exhausted and the Italian edition of 12,000 copies is going very fast.

Here are the statistics of the "Bureau" for the first year of work, ending July 1, 1913.

Italian Protestant Immigrants to America	391
Italian Protestant Emigrants to Italy.	134
Sold by the colporteurs:	
New Testaments	647
Portions of Scripture	3265
Tracts	1399
Guides to America	5460
Total	10771

Benevolent people who would like to reach the Italians in their community and educate them along sane, civic and patriotic lines can send for a package of "Guida" per gli Emigranti. Italian negli Stati Uniti e nel Canada:

500 Copies	$16.00
1000 Copies	30.00

Address "Bureau of Immigration,"
213 West 76th St., New York City.

Italian Protestant Churches in the U.S.A. and Canada, subscribed last year, through our "Bureau" $418.09 for a "Home for Aged People in Sicily." The subscription is being renewed this year. Already 7,188.05 francs have been collected among Italian and Sicilian Protestants for this most urgent Institution.

Home for the Aged

The Rev. Davide Bosio, from Palermo, a Deputy to America for this year, from the Waldensian Church of Italy was one of the most conspicuous speakers at the Second World Citizenship Convention at Portland, Ore. During the late spring and summer he visited the Pacific Coast and organized two new societies, whom we welcome into the Waldensian family:

Signor Bosio

Los Angeles, Cal.

San Francisco, Cal.

He has since visited Denver, Col., Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn., Milwaukee, Wis., Chicago, Ill., and is now in the Middle West. He will be East for the New Year.

* * *Mrs. Gilbert Colgate who toured Italy and Sicily last spring and summer and visited many of the Churches, took some excellent photographs from which

lantern slides have been made. She has given illustrated talks on the Waldenses in Rochester, Buffalo, and Pittsburgh.

Montreal

The Reverend R. De Pierro, Italian Presbyterian pastor in Montreal and Secretary of the Branch of the A. W. A. S. in that city, an active and energetic man, represented the Waldensian Church at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada last June, in Toronto, and made a splendid speech on Immigration.

Dr. Clot

The Reverend Professor Alberto Clot represented the Waldensian Church at the three Presbyterian General Assemblies at Atlanta, Ga., last May and then visited the Waldensian colonies at Gainesville, Tex.; Mandeville, Ark.; and Valdese, N. C. He organized a Waldensian Group at Gainesville, Tex., with Miss Mabel Hugon, B.Sc., the daughter of one of the Waldensian settlers as Secretary and Treasurer.

The Waldenses of Gainesville took up a collection of $25.00 and those at Valdese, N. C., $10.00 for our work in Italy.

The new colony at Mandeville, Ark., is well under way and next spring a number of Waldensian families are expected from the old country.

Through our Bureau of Immigration, pastors, and missionaries, Waldenses by birth, or education, have been supplied for the following places: Vancouver, B. C., Carnegie, Pa., two for Pittsburgh, Pa., Roseto, Pa., Hazleton, Pa., Cincinnati, O.

* * *Two scholarships of $40.00 each have been provided for poor, but worthy students at the Normal School of Torre Pellice by Mr. Samuel Jordan, of Germantown, Pa., and the Misses Bradley, Washington, D. C.

* * *A birthday gift of $150.00 supports all the workers of the Waldensian Missions in Italy for one day. Who will remember our Church in that way?

How to Help the American Waldensian Aid Society.

General Membership, $1.00 annually.

Sustaining Membership, $10.00 annually.

Life Membership, $100.00 in one gift.

$25.00 will keep a teacher evangelist at work for a month.

$150.00 will keep all workers in the mission one day.

$600.00 will pay the salary of a pastor one year.

The Rev. Joseph Brunn has been invited by our Societies at Buffalo, N. Y., and Rochester, N. Y., to deliver his splendid lecture on "Immigration" in January. He is an authority on the subject.

* * *Rev. John B. Clark, D.D., Westminster Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Mich., who visited Italy and the Waldensian Valleys last year, is to deliver his fine illustrated lecture in November, in Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Md., Philadelphia and Germantown, Pa. It was much appreciated last year in Detroit, Toronto, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and St. Paul. Dr. Clark has been a lifelong friend and supporter of our cause.

BOOKS FOR SALE

At the Headquarters of the American Waldensian Aid Society, 213 West 76th St, N. Y. City.

Dr. Giovanni Luzzi, "Struggles for Christian Truth in Italy" $1.50
Mrs. S. Rompiani, "History of the Waldenses," ..... .60
James Gibson, "The Waldenses" ..... .10
Prof. A. Clot, "Guide for the Italian Immigrant" ..... .05

Booklets Sent Free on Application:

1. "Who Are the Waldenses?"
2. "The Israel of the Alps," by Wm. Alex. Brown.
3. "Modernism and the Religious Crisis in Italy," by Dr. Giovanni Luzzi.
4. "Waldensian Progress in Italy," by Wm. H. Oxtoby, D.D.
5. Map of the Waldensian Missions.

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THE WALDENSES AND THEIR WORK

Latest-news. Please read.

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THE WALDENSIAN CHURCH OF ITALY.

LOSSES.

1. The loss of an annual income of over $50,000, formerly contributed by the countries now at war.
2. The elimination of the income from tourists, necessitating the closing of all large hotels and many pensions, besides the cessation of important industries, making it difficult to earn a living wage.
3. The destruction wrought by the earthquake, when three Waldensian Churches were seriously damaged and many homes were destroyed.
4. The call to arms, to which about 3,000 Waldenses have responded, including some of the ministers, teachers and evangelists. The Italian Government makes no provision for the aged, allows only fifteen cents a day for the wives of the soldiers and ten cents a day for each of their children.

Where can these people turn for support if not to America?

UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITIES.

1. There is a spiritual awakening all over Italy. The people are "thoughtful of the things of God." Those who have been without any church connections and others nominally of Roman faith, are crowding the Waldensian Churches.

2. The liberal distribution of New Testaments and tracts in prisons and penitentiaries has been made possible through a Waldensian who holds a high office under the Italian Government.
3. The work among the soldiers.
Over 2,000,000 men, from all parts of Italy, the flower of the youth of that land, are massed on the Austrian frontier. Already hundreds of thousands of gospels have been distributed among them. Their willingness to accept the copies and eagerness to read them is taken advantage of with zeal by the Waldensian Church.

Never before has there been such an opportunity to reach the whole of Italy.

FROM REPORT OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE WALDENSIAN CHURCH.

Waldensian Army Chaplains Nominated by Minister of War

The venerable Synod of the Waldensian Church convened on time-honored soil, Torre Pellice, arose in a body to greet Chaplain Pascal who, clad in full uniform, appeared in their midst. Loud was the applause, as this man, fresh from the trenches, told the story of opportunity in the midst of suffering and death.

The Alpine Vanguard, in which many Waldenses are enlisted, is working miracles. Although they suffer for temporal comforts, hospital supplies, warm clothing, blankets, and long for sympathy, for letters and for prayers, the work of Evangelization speeds on.

Same Rank as Other Chaplains

Three Waldensian pastors have been nominated by the Minister of War as Chaplains for their coreligionists in the army, with the same duties, rights, privileges and salary as the Chaplains of the Roman Catholic Church.

Chaplain Pascal has full liberty to distribute New Testaments to all.

Services in the Trenches

The work of the Chaplains is to hold regular services in the trenches, to comfort the wounded and the dying and keep in touch with the families of the soldiers and the various churches from which they come.

Work Among the Soldiers

Reverend Ernesto Giampiccoli, Head of the Tavola Valdese, writes:

"I am glad I am able to give you good news of the work, which goes on as well as it can under the circumstances. A special branch, an almost entirely new one, to which I would like to give a large extension, is the work among the soldiers. We notice special religious needs amongst soldiers and officers going to the front. We distribute thousands of New Testaments, tracts, religious newspapers, and are glad to see that the books we give away are received with pleasure, read with attention and are kept as precious friends. One of our Waldensian Chaplains found, a week ago, one of the New Tes-

taments in the hands of a soldier fallen on the battle-field. He had written his last words and his last will on one of the white pages of the little book.

Reading Rooms

"We have opened, with the approval of the military authorities, writing and reading halls for the soldiers in Turin, Milan, Brescia, Verona and in many other towns. The soldiers greatly appreciate this kind of moral and spiritual help and show us their gratitude in the most touching way. We can do but little with our limited means, in their behalf, but it is done with all our heart and in a spirit of prayer."

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The Waldenses of Italy

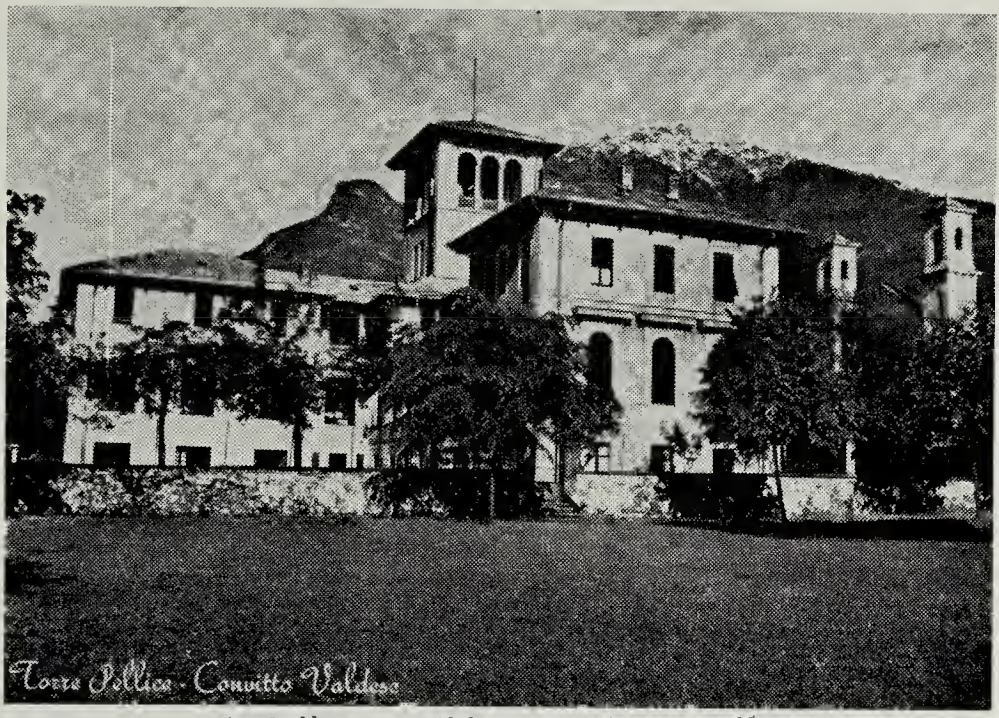
For many centuries The Waldensian Church alone held open the door of religious liberty. Through every torture they have proclaimed the God-granted right for every man to worship God according to his own conscience. Today they are leading a new struggle for freedom of religion in Italy.

Today. After only eighty-five years during which they have been allowed to practice their religion outside their valleys, they have established seventy-five additional congregations, many with good building facilities throughout the length and breadth of Italy and Sicily. They number 26,000 members in their 93 congregations, and their communicant classes as well as their Sunday Schools are large. Thirteen thousand have emigrated to South America in recent years.

Beliefs. They believe that the open Bible is the only standard for Christian living, in justification by faith and a free people in a free church.

Name. They derive their name from the "Vallis Dense" where they lived in the protection of the everlasting mountains for centuries before the Reformation.

Ministry. Their ministerial standards are high. Four years in their own seminary and a year of study abroad are required. Their Ministry is definitely evangelical and consequently strenuous. The salaries are very low.

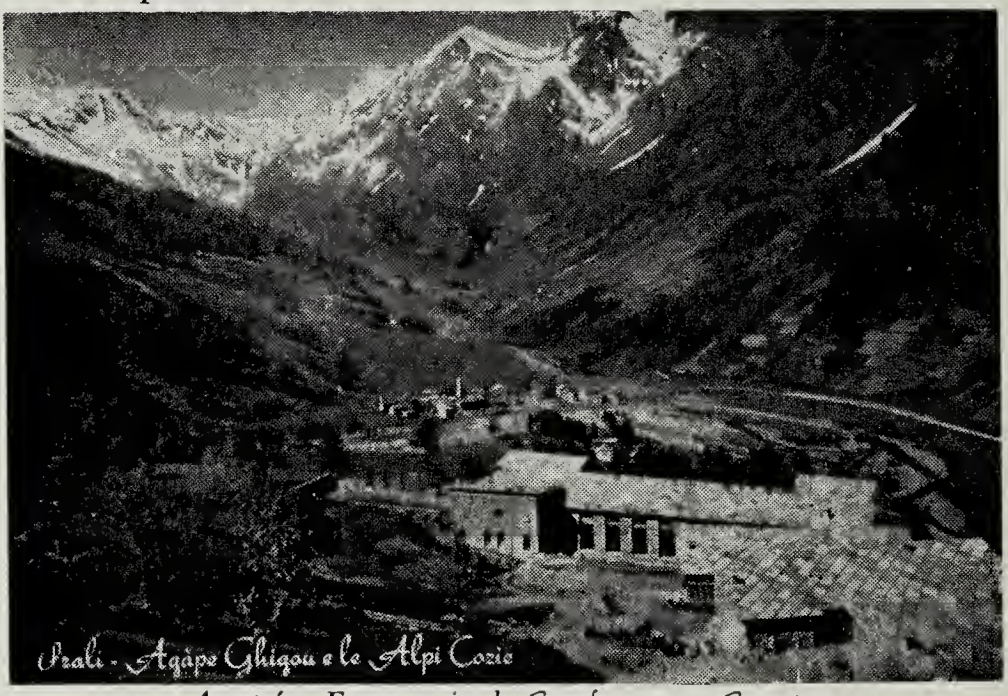


A College Building at Torre Pellice

All Pastors receive the same basic stipend regardless of their assignment. They are stout hearted evangels who have experienced every hardship and are able leaders in the Faith.

Education. There are no illiterate Waldensians. Those of the North are bilingual. All are good Bible students. Because Italy is a Church State, the Waldenses have not been content with the State Schools where their children meet constant discrimination. Until the Fascist regime they had a school system of their own, second to none. They now have only a few primary schools left in Italy and Sicily, but have three secondary schools, a Farm and Home school and a College in the valleys. These are fully accredited and the college leads to the University. These are the only schools in Italy not influenced by the Roman Clergy. The Seminary is in Rome.

Institutions. The Waldenses have never been willing to care only for their own. Their four orphanages, three hospitals, four homes for the aged, and one home for incurables are open to all who need mercy. Their institutions and schools are operated most thriftily. The nurses and professors, dedicated to lives of service and poverty, rejoice in their tasks which are so akin to those of the great Healer and Teacher. A rehabilitation center for refugees from Eastern Europe is their most recent development.



Agapé—Ecumenical Conference Camp

Agapé is their present day answer to the great need felt at the close of the war for a unified effort on the part of Christ-centered lives to work out together the basis on which peaceful living is possible. Hundreds of young people from thirty different countries have experienced the Faith which can bring Peace as they labor at the building of Agapé, the monument to the love of Christ, high up in the Piedmont Alps.

No account of the Waldenses today would be complete without mentioning the spirit of missions which has propelled their work into far flung fields. They accompanied the flow of Italian migration to South America and the United States. Both Argentina and Uruguay have large Waldensian populations. In the United States the concentrations of Waldenses occur in New York, North Carolina, Chicago and the far Northwest. They have been a great credit to each community they have penetrated.

History. When Christianity was welcomed in ancient Rome by the intellectual and wealthy as well as by the masses, it became expedient for Pagan Rome to discontinue the martyrdom of the followers of the Apostle Paul. The Roman Emperors embraced Christianity, threw the cloak of Imperialism around it and adapted it to their customs and practices. Thus while Christianity continued to lift the souls of the poor and weak, in high places it became the tool of ambitious Emperors. From time to time brave men of Christian Faith attacked the forms and practices of the Papal Church and to escape martyrdom fled to the Alps for safety. In the writing of Jerome are the earliest references to these "Heretics."

Early in the ninth century, Claudio, Bishop of Turin, who was himself of Evangelical Faith, though a Roman Bishop, encouraged the Evangelicals of his Diocese, the "Vallenses," to organize a Church separate and independent of the Roman Church. Claudio was martyred and the "Vallenses" withdrew to their Valleys of the Cottian Alps where they were imprisoned for centuries.

When Peter Waldo of Lyons went to Rome

to seek the Pope's approval of an open Bible for all, he was excommunicated and condemned as a heretic. He fled to the Piedmond Alps and there joined forces with the "Valdenses." Many of his followers who were dispersed from Lyons by Pope Lucius in 1184 sought fellowship with the Valdenses and revitalized their Church. A period of active missionary endeavor followed, penetrating into every country in Europe and Asia. From their Seminary hidden in the mountains at Pra del Torno, evangelists disguised as traders, with the Bible committed to memory, went out as did the early Apostles to teach and convert. They were so diligent and effective that during the 14th and 15th centuries one of their number could travel the length of Europe, spending each night in the household of a fellow believer.

This activity brought persecution. Papal Bulls directed against the Waldenses met steadfast refusal to alter their Faith, and organized slaughter followed which almost overcame them.

At Cianforan in 1532, they boldly declared themselves a part of the Reformation. There followed thirty years of great revival.

Between 1560 and 1690, under pressure from Popes and Emperors, the armies of the Dukes of Savoy made repeated efforts to annihilate every remnant of Evangelical Christianity. John Milton in his great sonnet "Piedmont Easter" commemorated the massacre of 1655, and Oliver Cromwell exerted political pressure and there was peace for another thirty years.

Almost two centuries of only minor persecutions followed. In 1848, on February 17th, the Waldenses with the Jews were given their

civil rights and in 1870 were permitted to practice their religion outside their valleys.

During the recent war, under a directive from the Fascists, the Nazis occupied the Valleys as an enemy territory and the country was again ravaged. The villages were destroyed. Reprisals of lives were exacted often. The valleys were left impoverished and many of the churches in the cities were destroyed. Hospitals, orphanages and schools were damaged, but with faith and sacrifice they have restored, rebuilt and expanded.

Children of Recent Converts at Colleferro

The Challenge. Italy is at a point of greatest urgency for Christianity today. With the same courage that their forefathers knew in facing persecution, the Waldenses today are meeting new trials, the possibility of having to curtail their program at a crucial point in Christian history. The Waldensian Church is the most effective exponent of Democracy in Italy today. Americans can make a great contribution now to world Christianity by helping in forwarding this work in Italy.

"The Waldenses, far superior to the mystics in purity of doctrine, compose a long line of Witnesses to the truth. Men more unfettered than the rest of the Church seem from the most distant times to have inhabited the summits of the Piedmontese Alps; their number was augmented and their doctrine purified by the disciple of Valdo. From their mountain heights the Waldenses protested during a long series of ages against the superstitions of Rome."

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For Visitors in Italy

DO YOU think that the Evangelical Christians in Italy are few and insignificant, and limited to a small area? Please look at the map on the inside of this folder and note the extent of the work carried on at nearly 150 centers, including most of the principal cities.

THE precise origin of the Waldensian Church, in the light of the most accurate modern historical scholarship, cannot be stated. The evidence is adequate that it has had an unbroken history for eight centuries. It is the oldest Protestant Church in the world. antedating the Reformation by four centuries. The Waldensian Church is the one only living remnant of the persecutions of the thirteenth to the seventeenth centuries.

FOR the most part the Waldenses live in the valleys of the Cottian Alps, on the French border, and Torre Pellice, about forty miles west of Turin, is their chief city.

ON February 17, 1848, Charles Albert, great-grandfather of the present King, issued an edict of emancipation which by removing the ancient disabilities has enabled the Waldenses to develop naturally. As a consequence they are now to be found at work not only on the slopes of the Alps, but also on the Apennines and at the foot of Vesuvius and of Etna.

THROUGHOUT Italy and in several parts of France and elsewhere, as well as on mission fields of Africa, the Waldensian Church is sharing in proclaiming the Gospel. About 60 Churches and 100 Mission Stations in Italy, besides orphanages, hospitals, homes for the aged, schools and social work, are among the activities of this Church. A constructive and progressive policy marks the plans of the leaders. The churches form a single body controlled in a very democratic way by their annual Synod, which gives authority to the Tavola, or Board, of eleven members. The valleys are still the heart of the Waldensian Church, but the needs of the whole Italian people demand that the Church take her place in all the great centers of national life.

THIS CHURCH is continuing her policy of strong emphasis on Christian education. The High Schools in Torre Pellice are the only Protestant High Schools recognized by the Italian government.

Their Day Schools in Sicily have been highly commended by the government.

The only Evangelical Theological Seminary in Italy is maintained by the Waldensian Church in Rome, with a scholarly and capable faculty.

They maintain an orphanage for girls at Bordighera and for boys at Florence.

There are places of great historic interest connected with the Waldensian churches. The pastors will give information otherwise difficult to obtain.

STURDY, thrifty, devoutly religious themselves, the Waldenses ask the aid of all those who love Italy, and would help to save the people who are lapsing in large numbers from their ancestral faith and falling so easily into atheism. Millions are illiterate. They sorely need the illumination of Christian education, and the ministrations of the Gospel of Christ.

WHY not visit the Valley of Pellice, of Chisone, or Germanasca, or Angrogna, for a quiet rest, with delightful walks amid beautiful scenery, all easily accessible from Turin? You will find a simple and hearty welcome among the Waldenses, and unpretending, but comfortable, hotels. Wherever you go in Italy or Sicily, look for the Waldensian Church or Mission Station. The Pastors speak French, and many of them English also.

THE Waldenses can supply vigorous, well-trained and consecrated Pastors, Teachers and Social Workers, but they need financial help to enable them to realize the great dreams which have come to them in the beautiful valleys and in the crowded cities. Will you help?

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ADDRESSES

of the principal Waldensian Churches in Italy

WALDENSIAN VALLEYS

Angrogna—Pastor: Davide Pons.
Bobbio Pellice—Pastor: Enrico Tron, Sr.
Luserna S. Giov.—Pastor: Emilio Tron.
Massello—Candidate: G. Miegge.
Perrero—Pastor: Luigi Micol.
Pinerolo—Pastor: Luigi Marauda.
Pomaretto—Pastor: Guido Comba.
Pradeltorno—Evangelist: E. Coisson.
Prali—Student: Roberto Jahier.
Pramollo—Pastor: Pietro Chauvie.
Prarostino—Pastor: Augusto Jahier.
Riclaretto—Evangelist: G. Gaydou.
Rodoretto—Candidate: Guido Miegge.
Rora—Pastor: Alberto Fuhrmann.
S. Germ. Chisone—Pastor: Enrico Tron, Jr.
Torre Pellice—Pastor: Giulio Tron.
Villar Pellice—Pastor: Bart. Soulier.

Abbazia—Chiesa—Pastor: Arnaldo Comba, of Fiume.
Aosta—Chiesa: 3, Rue Croix de Ville—Pastor: Eugenio Revel.
Bari—Chiesa: Candidate: T. R. Castiglione, Via Roberto da Bari, 106.
Benevento—Chiesa Evangelica.
Biella—Chiesa: Piazza Funicolare — Evangelist: Diodato Rosati.
Borrello—Chiesa Evangelica. Evangelist: Amato Billour.
Brescia—Chiesa: Via dei Mille (Piazza Garibaldi)—Pastor: Luigi Rostagno.
Brindisi—Chiesa: Via Congregazione, Casa Zaccaro—Evangelist: Pietro Varvelli.
Caltanissetta—Chiesa: Via Maida, 15—Evangelist: C. Bonavia.
Casale Monferrato—Chiesa: Piazza Giardini Pubblici—Pastor: A. Comba.
Catania—Chiesa: Via Naumachia, 22—Pastor: Giuseppe Fasula.
Chieti—Chiesa Evangelica—Evangelist: S. Pasqualoni, Villa Comunale, Casa Munez.
Coazze—Evangelist: Gustavo Bert, of Susa.
Como—Chiesa: Via Rusconi, 9—Pastor: D. Revel.
Corato—Chiesa Evangelica: Via Garibaldi—Pastor: G. Moggia.
Courmayeur—Chiesa Evangelica.
Dovadola—Chiesa Evangelica.
Felonica Po—Chiesa Evangelica — Evangelist: Benedetto Giudici.
Firenze—Chiesa: Via Serragli, 51—Pastor: V. Sommani.
Chiesa: Via Manzoni, 13—Pastor: E. Meynier.
Fiume—Chiesa: Via Sem Benelli, 6—Pastor: Arnaldo Comba.
Corso Vittorio Emanuele, 34.
Forano—Chiesa Evangelica—Evangelist: Antonio Cornelio.
Genova—Chiesa: Via Assarotti—Pastor: A. Simeoni, Via Curtatone, 2.
Grotte—Chiesa Evangelica—Evangelist: C. Bonavia.
Ivrea—Chiesa: Corso Botta, 5—Pastor: D. Forneron, Casa Ravero, Piazza d'Armi.

La Maddalena—Chiesa Evangelica.
Livorno—Chiesa: Via G. Verdi, 3—Pastor: Arturo Muston.
Lucca—Chiesa: Via Galli Tassi, 18—Pastor: G. D. Buffa, of Pisa.
Lugano—Pastor: Giovanni Grilli, Viale Franscini, 11.
Mantova—Chiesa: Via Bacchio, 4—Pastor: Benvenuto Celli, of Verona.
Messina—Chiesa: Via Maddalena, 120 — Pastor: Emilio Corsani.
Milano—Chiesa di S. Giovanni' in Conca—Pastor: V. Alberto Costabel, Via Telesio, 22.—Chiesa di Via Fabbri, 9—Pastor: Emilio Rivoir, Via Stradivari, 1.
Napoli—Chiesa: Piazzetta Tagliavia, 25—Pastor: Attilio Arias—Evangelist: Enrico Corsani.
Nizza (Nice)—Chiesa: Rue Gioffredo, 50—Pastor: Alberto Prochet.
Orsara Di Puglia—Evangelist: G. B. Azzarelli.
Pachino—Chiesa Evangelica—Pastor: S. Colucci.
Palermo—Chiesa: Via Macqueda, 36—Pastor: Rinaldo Malan.
Pescolanciano—Chiesa Evangelica.
Piedicavallo—Chiesa: Via Carlo Alberto.
Piani Di Vallecrosia—Pastor: F. A. Billour, Asilo Evangelico.
Pisa—Chiesa: Via Derna, 15—Pastor: G. D. Buffa, Via Derna, 17.
Reggio Calabria—Chiesa: Piazza S. Marco 4.
Riesi—Chiesa Evangelica—Pastor: Arturo Mingardi.
Rio Marina—Chiesa Evangelica—Pastor: Giuseppe Banchetti.
Roma—Chiese: Via Quattro Novembre, 107, and Piazza Cavour —Pastors: Giovanni Bonnet, Via Quattro Novembre, 107, and Paolo Bosio, Via Marianna Dionigi, 57.
Sampierdarena—Chiesa Via Giosuè Carducci, 16, Pastor: G. D. Maurin.
San Remo—Chiesa: Via Roma—Pastor: Ugo Janni.
Savona—Chiesa: Corso Crist. Colombo, 13.
Schiavi—Chiesa Evangelica—Evangelist: Amicarelli
Siena—Chiesa: Viale Curtatone, 5—Pastor: Giovanni Petrai.
Siracusa—Via Cavour—Pastor: S. Colucci.
Susa—Chiesa: Via Umberto I, 14—Evangelist: Gustavo Bert.
Taranto—Chiesa: Via Di Palma 13—Antonio Miscia, Via Dante Alighieri, 17.
Torino—Chiesa: Corso Vittorio Emanuele II—Pastors: Davide Bosio and Francesco Peyronel, Via Pio Quinto, 15—Candidate: Carlo Lupo.
Trieste—Chiesa: Via S. M. Maggiore—Pastor: G. Del Pesco, Via Scorcola, 535.
Venezia—Chiesa: Palazzo Cavagnis (S. M. Formosa)—Pastor: Giovanni Bertinatti.
Verona—Chiesa: Via Pigna—Pastor: B. Celli, 39 Rigaste, S. Zeno.
Vittoria—Chiesa Evangelica—Evangelist: V. Trobia.

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Whatever the vista of its future, Italian Protestant work there must be supported

BRIEFLY AND CLEARLY the Reverend Ernesto Giampiccoli, recently in this country, summarized the greatest problems of the Protestant churches in Italy, as follows:

"The Waldensian Church at the present moment needs help at three different points:

"1. Yearly, for her ordinary budget. [The General Fund.]

"2. Once for all, for her urgent building problem in the mission field in Italy, outside the Valleys.

"3. Educational problems in the Valleys."

America must send $100,000 this year for the General Fund, which includes the appeal for pastors' and teachers' salaries and the war activities. In addition, $100,000 annually for five years must go to the two latter objects, which include greatly needed church and school buildings and repairs. Another $100,000 will build the War Orphans' Memorial Home and School at Torre Pellice, of which about $25,000 is at hand.

Your gift will help towards these objects.

WALDENSIAN PASTORS ENTERING SYNOD HALL
TORRE PELLICE

The Educational Memorial to the Waldenses gloriously fallen on the battlefields, is progressing through the self-sacrificing generosity of Waldensians, and through gifts from England, Scotland, Switzerland and America. The broad vision with which these educational plans have been conceived, merits our respect and coöperation. Of the utmost importance are such opportunities for development held out to the youth of Italy, in memory of those whose lives were given that their boys and girls might live and learn in freedom and peace.

A contribution will be gratefully acknowledged.

The Reverend Enrico Sartorio, of Christ Church, Boston, has just sailed for Italy, to be gone one year. During this time he will act as Field Secretary, visiting the churches and mission stations all over Italy, reporting to us on conditions, and opportunities for help. He will take photographs, write articles, and prepare lectures, which should be of the greatest value to us on his return, meantime sending back useful information.

"Sempre Avanti," the magazine started recently by Mr. Sartorio, will be continued under his supervision during the year. It is alive, well-edited and broad in scope, giving general information on Italian questions, as well as special Waldensian news. You are urged by Headquarters to send in a yearly subscription of fifty cents.

Will *you* subscribe today?

The Branches will have the golden opportunity this winter of hearing Captain Eli Bertalot, who was the first of the Protestant chaplains to serve in the Italian Army He is a pastor at Bobbio, one of the most important parishes in the Waldensian Valleys. There were eight chaplains ministering to Protestants, one of their number having been decorated. Their remarkable work among the troops has received commendation from Italian officers of the highest rank.

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Reverend Captain Cav. Paolo Bosio, M.C., D.S.O.
Waldensian Church, Rome

SIGNOR BOSIO, pastor of the Cornelius Baker Memorial Church, Piazza Cavour, Rome, has finally been able to respond to repeated invitations, since the war, to visit the Branches of the American Waldension Aid Society. His great work in Rome, where he has probably the largest congregation of any evangelical church in Italy, outside of the Waldensian Valleys, could not readily be placed in other hands for the months required for an American tour. He comes as the official representative of "The Tavola Valdese," the governing body of the Waldensian Churches of Italy. A few facts about Signor Bosio will be of interest.

His father was one of the first Waldensian ministers to preach in Rome and in Sicily. He was pastor of the Waldensian Churches in Pisa, Genoa, and San Germano in the Valleys. He was Vice Moderator of the

Tavola, Professor in the Theological Seminary in Florence, and editor of several periodicals. He is one of the most eminent scholars of the Waldensian Church. He retired in 1913 and resides in Bordighera.

Signor Bosio was born in Florence in 1891 where he received his early training. After leaving the university in 1913, he spent a year at the University of Edinburgh. He was substitute pastor in several fields until he entered military service in 1915, when Italy entered the World War. While nine Waldensian pastors became chaplains, he having been a minor officer, entered the combat service in the mountain artillery—The Alpini. In one year he was promoted several times "per merito di guerra" on the field and soon had command of a battery. He served all along the Austrian front, and received numerous decorations, including the "Medaglia il Valore," the War Cross and further promotion in rank.

He was wounded and after his recovery he was made chief liaison officer with the British gunners and won the British Military Cross, and the Distinguished Service Order for helping to save all of the British guns during the retreat following the tragedy of Caporetto. Later he was called to G.H.Q. and made liaison officer for the British, French and American troops. He was made a Knight of the Crown of Italy for his services in this period.

Following demobilization he became one of the pastors of the Waldensian Church in Turin, where he remained three years. Then he was appointed to the new church in Rome, the gift of Mrs. John S. Kennedy of New York, opened in 1914. (See picture on page 6.)

He has conducted evangelistic missions in Sicily, Calabria and in the Waldensian Valleys. He has always specialized in evangelism and with significant results. His congregation in Rome is made up largely of young people, artists, students, officers in the army, government officials and young business men. It usually fills the auditorium. They are largely non-Protestants.

He was delegated to visit the churches in England in 1926. A few weeks ago he was made editor of the Waldensian weekly paper, La Luce.

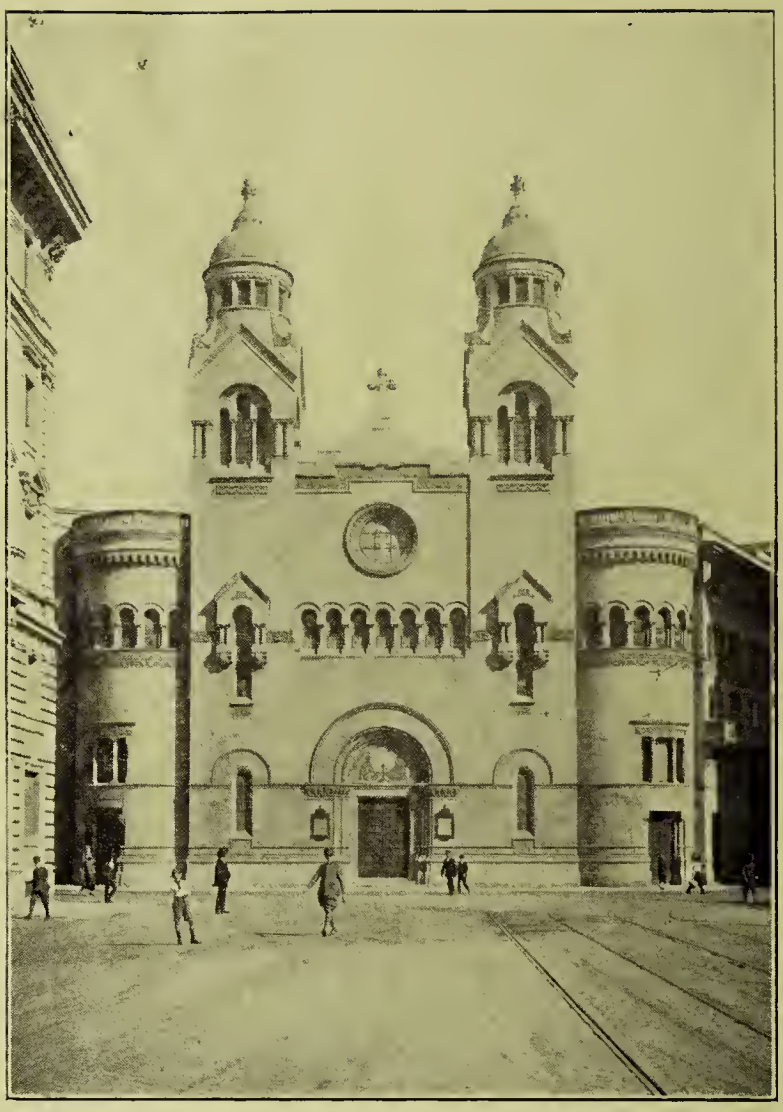
Mrs. Bosio

Signor Bosio's brother, Davide, pastor at Turin, who visited America before the war, is Vice Moderator of the Waldensian Tavola, and his sister is the wife of Pastor Arnoldo Comba, of Bordighera.

Mrs. Bosio is a native of Switzerland. They have one child, a boy of nine. Both speak several languages, including English, French and German.

Signor and Mrs. Bosio will remain in America several months and will attend such of the denominational and interdenominational conventions and conferences as time will allow.

All dates for his addresses should be made through Mr. Fred. S. Goodman, the General Secretary of the American Waldensian Aid Society, Room 1205, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York.



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